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ENGLAND PREPARES TO ANSWER GERMANY ON PEACE PROPOSAL

Lloyd-George, in His First Appearance as Premier Before House of Commons Tuesday, Will Decide.

PEOPLE REPLY "NO" TO TERMS NAMED

Sentiment in Great Britain Regards Negotiations as Preposterous, Unworthy—U.S. Not to be Stampeded.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Premier David Lloyd-George is preparing to answer the peace proposal of Chancellor von Bethmann-Hollweg when he addresses the House of Commons next Tuesday. The United Press was reliably informed this afternoon that the premier was preparing his answer to the chancellor to be delivered in connection with his general statement on this government's policy.

British People Against Peace.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 13.—The British people have already answered Germany's offer of peace—"No, on such a basis as proposed." The answer was perfectly apparent today. It was reflected in newspaper comment; it was reflected in conversation of the people on the street. The nation looks today toward David Lloyd-George, who next Tuesday will give his answer.

It cannot be a direct reply, since it is hardly expected that England's consultation with her Allies over what form the diplomatic answer shall be can be obtained that soon. But Tuesday will be Lloyd-George's first appearance as premier. Press and public alike look to Lloyd-George on this occasion to voice the nation's rejection of any peace which is based on Germany's idea of her victories.

Germany's peace terms, as given out by the German embassy in Washington yesterday, were generally regarded as preposterous, unworthy of serious consideration here.

U. S. Plans to Be Cautious.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—What part the United States will play in furthering Germany's suggestion for peace is undetermined, but these three big ideas toward it are in official winds: That England and her Allies ought at least to discuss the offer; that, any statement, especially in Germany's present frame of mind, would have to be backed by a guarantee of peace; that the United States will not be stampeded in the peace movement.

On the whole, the sentiment here is that at present the United States ought merely to act as Germany's messenger and pass on Germany's proposal. President Wilson is undecided. He has not even told his cabinet what he thinks. His closest followers, however, believe that this nation ought to know what the Allies think of the offer before making any move. Furthermore, they say frankly that they believe England will scorn the offer, especially if based on the terms announced by the German embassy officials here yesterday afternoon.

In these circumstances, the Government must be cautious. The United Press obtained information today from four of the best informed men in close touch with the Administration. Its chief informant is one of the foremost counselors and confidants of Wilson. From him came the statement that anything purporting to be Wilson's idea now is a fiction. Wilson, he said, has not even confided to his cabinet and has not yet decided.

The official view as reflected by closest advisors can be stated thus: On the first point the Administration regards the question of peace as so big that it must be given serious consideration; on the other hand, it feels convinced already that the Allies will scorn the offer; be Germany's motives political, altruistic or greedy, the idea of a step to end the war is too momentous to be cast aside without just official discussion.

In these circumstances, the Gov-

THE CALENDAR

Dec. 1-16—Landscape Design Exhibit, Faculty Room (107) University Library Building.
Dec. 13—Interpretative recital, "Othello," Christian College, 8:15 p. m.
Dec. 13—Yellowstone National Park Travelogue at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium by Charles Norton Hunt.
Dec. 14—Cecil Fanning concert, Phil Ma Alpha series, University Auditorium at 8:15 o'clock.
Dec. 16—"The Magistrate" by Pinerio at 8:15 p. m. in the University Auditorium.
Dec. 19—Concert by the University Cadet Band at 7:30 p. m. in the University Auditorium.

ernment may lead its influence, secretly perhaps, to getting such a discussion.

Germany Not Suing for Peace.

By United Press
BERLIN, Dec. 13.—Germany has not asked the neutral powers to seek peace negotiations. The American ambassador's understanding is that Germany has merely asked the neutral powers to inform the nations of the Entente that the Central Powers are willing to discuss peace, putting up to the Allies the acceptance or refusal of the tender.

The diplomatic corps here generally considers Germany's move a master stroke. Secretary Grew of the American embassy in Berlin personally typed a translation of the note, of which he replied two copies, one in French. The American charge was asked to communicate the message to London, Petrograd, Paris and Rumania. The Spanish ambassador was requested to send the message to Belgium and Portugal, while the Swiss representative was asked to forward his note to Italy.

If Germany's bid for peace is rejected by the Entente, it is said, the Central Powers will not again take the initiative to end the war. The public today voiced complete approbation of the chancellor's warning in the Reichstag yesterday, that if Germany's enemies continued war it is because they have conquest in mind. Such belief imbues the general public with an inflexible determination to fight on to the end against any dismemberment of the Fatherland.

The German public is determined that if the Allies now reject the open hand they will later be forced to feel the pressure of the closed fist. The hopes of the German people are wholehearted, but if the present proposal is scorned the rejection of the plan for a discussion of terms will serve to cement the empire in its determination and to dispel the peace talk and speculation which has been current.

What The Allies Will Ask.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Terms which are believed to constitute the only basis upon which the Entente Powers are willing to enter upon peace negotiations were ascertained this afternoon from various sources by the United Press.

One provision would be for full indemnity by Germany for all devastation by the Central Powers of the nations she has invaded. These terms, although unofficial, are believed to represent the concessions Germany and her allies must make to obtain peace. They are as follows:

Evacuation and restoration of all occupied territory, including Belgium, Poland, Northern France, Serbia and Rumania, with full indemnity for the devastation which German occupancy of those territories has entailed.

Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

Concession of the Constantinople straits to Russia.

Indemnity, ship for ship and ton for ton, for all destroyed ships.

Adequate punishment for those responsible for the atrocities by German forces.

It was emphasized in all quarters that all questions of a possible negotiable character in the peace proceedings might be as to the disposition of certain captured German colonies and the character and limitations of Germany's future armament.

The foregoing dispatch passed by the Berlin censer is in marked contrast to the terms which high German officials told the United Press would govern Germany's willingness to make peace. The German terms, as stated in Washington, were cabled to England and the British terms revealed today might be taken as a direct reply.

Centralia Girl Licensed to Wed.

Lauri Gibson Vaughn of Buchanan, Va., and Miss Kitty May Settle of Centralia were granted a marriage license yesterday. Miss Settle is the daughter of C. W. Settle, cashier of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank of Centralia.

GREEK TROOPS FIRE ON DIPLOMATS' HOUSE

Royalists, Fighting in Streets of Athens, Damage Neutral Property.

ACT CAUSES PROTEST

American Minister Participates in Diplomatic Demand on Greek King.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Greek royalist troops fired upon the house of neutrals even though inhabited by neutral diplomats during the recent street fighting in Athens, the State Department was informed today. It was this action that was the basis of the neutral diplomatic protest to King Constantine in which the American Minister participated, the State Department has announced.

Joffre Is Cabinet's Adviser.

By United Press
PARIS, Dec. 13.—General Joffre has a new position as counselor to Premier Briand's newly formed war council—a small, compact body of executives modeled along the lines of that just formed in England by Lloyd-George. Announcement of this post for the man now in charge of all France's troops was made today. Formal assumption of their duties by the members of Briand's new cabinet was made this afternoon, when the entire body appeared in the Chamber of Deputies. The members had been in conference with the president until midnight.

Canadian Torpedo Boat Lost!

By United Press
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 13.—The Chief Censor issued the following report this afternoon: "The Minister of Naval Service regrets to report that it is feared that the Canadian torpedo boat Grifone has been lost at sea with all hands."

German Loss 3,921,859, Says London.

By United Press
LONDON, Dec. 13.—Germany's total losses in the war up to the end of November were 3,921,859, according to figures based on official casualty lists. Of this number, 946,027 are listed as dead.

TIGER QUINTET WORKING HARD

Basketball Team Shows Up Well—Stankowski Out in Salt.

Because the basketball men are to be deprived of the use of the gymnasium tonight, the work last night was exceptionally hard. The squad was divided up, and Coach Miller devoted his time to pointing out faults of the men in passing the ball.

After the practice the squad was put through a "stiff" scrimmage, and at times some good playing was flashed by the varsity: Campbell, Shirkey, Williams, Shepard and Viner lined up against Vogt, Willets, Wayne, Stankowski and Rohloff. The teams were nearly evenly matched, and few goals were made. Shirkey, Shepard, Viner, Vogt and Stankowski showed well. Shepard has been switched to nearly every position, and it is uncertain yet what he will play. His height and experience make him a capable player.

Stankowski was out for the first time last night. He was there with his full fight and showed some first-class work, although at times he seemed to forget that he was playing basketball and not football. A bright orange suit made him especially conspicuous.

The season will open with Ames January 12 and practice is to be continued at full speed to whip the team into condition. With Nebraska on the basketball schedule this season, the Tigers will play every Missouri Valley school but Drake.

Negro Released on \$500 Bond.

William Selby, a negro, charged with taking \$5 from Rosa Redmond, another negro, by threats of personal violence, was tried yesterday afternoon before Justice J. S. Bicknell. Selby's case was carried over to the Circuit Court and he was released under \$500 bond.

Wabash Plans St. Louis Special.

Word has been received in Columbia from Earl Linde, division passenger agent of the Wabash Railway, that a special train will leave here for St. Louis at 11:30 a. m., Thursday, December 21.

WILL HAVE RESPITE FROM HARD FIGHTING

Lieutenant Cecil Webster, Former Agricultural Instructor, Writes.

TELLS OF STRUGGLE

After Six Months' Battle He Will Go to London On Ten Days' Leave.

The University of Missouri has been represented in the thick of the recent fighting on the western front in Europe, according to information in a letter just received here from Cecil Webster, formerly in the College of Agriculture, now a lieutenant in the British army. Mr. Webster writes as follows:

"I shall go on leave to the United Kingdom this week, having ten days from port to port—and very nice, too. It is fine looking forward to leave. After six months of pretty bloody warfare, leave, meaning a visit to dear old England (London, of course, looms very big on the horizon); makes me tingle with excitement."

"We are having a pretty easy time just at present, but we did have a terrible time a while back—worse yet. However, I came through quite safely. Had phenomenal luck. You would think so if I were allowed to tell you how many of us remain of what constituted this unit last June."

"It rains pretty consistently here. I don't like it. I have several raincoats, but all seem to fall in their duty at the most critical time."

Mr. Webster came to the University from Guelph Agricultural College in Canada. He was assistant in poultry husbandry here when he volunteered.

RECALLS MOST EXCITING GAME

C. L. Brewer Tells of 1911 Basketball Victory Over Nebraska.

The most exciting basketball game ever played on the Rothwell Gymnasium floor, in the opinion of C. L. Brewer, director of Missouri's athletics, was the last contest between the Missouri and Nebraska quintets. This was in 1911. Missouri won the game by a one-point margin, the score being 39-38.

It took two extra periods to decide the result, as the game was a tie at the end of the regulation time. Both teams agreed to play an extra five minutes. At the end of this period each team had scored four points; so an additional period of five minutes was added. With ten seconds to play, Nebraska was leading the Tigers by one point. Just before the whistle blew H. B. Cohen, Tiger captain and forward, threw a field goal from near the sideline, winning the game.

Joseph Parker, forward on the 1911 Tiger quintet, lives in Columbia. R. H. Purkhiser, a guard on the same team, better known to Missouri rooters, perhaps, through his football ability, is employed by the United States Steel Company, at Gary, Ind. George H. Edwards, center, in athletic director at Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kan.

Mr. Brewer was the coach of the 1911 Tiger team, while O. F. Field, who came to Missouri the next year as assistant coach and remained here in that capacity for three years, had charge of the Nebraska team.

HOTEL WRITING DESKS POPULAR

Athens Furnishes 10,000 Sheets of Stationery Monthly.

Ten thousand sheets of stationery a month are placed upon the four writing desks in the lobby of the Athens Hotel, and there are but few minutes during the day or night that someone is not writing at one of the desks, according to F. W. Cody, the manager.

Often the letter is personal, more often it is a business letter of the traveling man to his house, sending orders or enclosing the indispensable expense account. Many Columbians avail themselves of the free use of stationery of the hotel.

Union Will Give Third Dance.

The third of the series of dances given by the Missouri Union for members and friends will be held at the Union Building next Friday night. At every dance the attendance has increased. Twenty-five couples attended the first dance, more than seventy-five couples were present at the third dance.

THE WEATHER

For Columbia and vicinity: Generally fair and continued cold tonight and Thursday but moderating Thursday. Lowest tonight near zero.

For Missouri: Fair tonight, not so cold west portion. Thursday partly cloudy and somewhat warmer.

Weather Conditions.
Abnormally cold weather continues in most of the United States, Canada, and the northern part of Mexico. Snow covers the northern half of the United States; and snow continues to fall this morning in the Ohio Valley and Lake region, and in Utah, Wyoming, and Montana.

Clear skies obtain this morning in the South Atlantic and Gulf States, Mississippi and Missouri Valleys, and Central Plains.

Temperatures from near zero to 15 and 20 below obtain from Kansas and Missouri northward; and the freezing line of 32 degrees runs nearly to the Gulf Coast.

In Columbia rather cold weather will continue for the next several days although it will begin to moderate somewhat tomorrow with a tendency to unsettled weather by night.

Local Data.

The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 25, and the lowest last night was 2; precipitation, 0.01; relative humidity 2 p. m. yesterday, 74 per cent.

A year ago yesterday the highest temperature was 35, and the lowest 31; precipitation, .00.

The Almanac.

Sun rose today, 7:20 a. m. Sun sets, 4:47 p. m.

Moon rises 8:43 p. m.

The Temperatures Today.

7 a. m.	.....02	11 a. m.	.....07
8 a. m.	.....02	12 m.	.....06
9 a. m.	.....04	1 p. m.	.....11
10 a. m.	.....06	2 p. m.	.....13

Everything, with the exception of the gold footballs, is in readiness for the Tiger banquet at Rothwell Gymnasium tonight. The feast will begin at 6:30 o'clock. The baseball, basketball and track squads will attend as guests of the athletic department.

The banquet will be better than ever, according to E. Sidney Stephens, chairman of the banquet committee. About two hundred persons, seventy-five more than attended the last Tiger banquet, will be present tonight. New features are on the program for tonight, the nature of which Mr. Stephens would not tell.

The speakers will be President A. Ross Hill, C. L. Brewer, athletic director; H. F. Schulte, Harry Lansing, captain of this year's team, Paul Hamilton, captain-elect for 1917, Bob Simpson, H. A. Collier and Dr. W. G. Manly. Mr. Stephens will be toastmaster. Mr. Collier will present the footballs. The gold emblems have not arrived, and it will probably be several days before they do, said Harry Jacks, a member of the committee, this morning.

Added entertainment will distinguish this year's banquet from the others. A quartet will introduce a new song. The Quadrangle Orchestra will furnish music. The turkey and country ham are the best to be obtained, said a member of the committee.

The gymnasium will be decorated with Missouri colors, banners and trophies. The loving cups Simpson won on his European trip will be displayed. A stereopticon will show pictures of the football team.

MISS MARY DYSART MARRIED

C. H. S. Graduate Bride of Vinton C. Brown—Both Columbians.

Miss Mary Kathryn Dysart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Dysart, 211 South Sixth street, and Vinton C. Brown were married at 8:30 o'clock last night by the Rev. T. W. Young at the latter's residence, 1308 Rosemary lane. The attendants were Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Hutchens, cousins of the groom, Miss Lavice Belcher, a cousin of the bride, and Harrison Mayes.

Mrs. Brown was graduated from Columbia High School last spring. Mr. Brown is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown, 714 Lyons street. He is employed as a barber at the Oak Shop. The couple will live with the bride's parents until after January 1, when they will move to the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brown.

The wedding came as a surprise to most of the friends of the couple, as it was understood that they were to be married Christmas Day.

LECTURER TO DESCRIBE PARK

Charles Norton Hunt to Talk on Travels at Auditorium Tonight.

Charles Norton Hunt, travelogue lecturer, will give an illustrated talk on the Yellowstone National Park at 7:15 o'clock tonight in the University Auditorium. The peculiar natural formations and the numerous geysers and springs of the park have all been photographed by Mr. Hunt for use in his lectures. Preparation for the lecture has taken him to every part of the national scenic reserve.

LOCAL GOOD FELLOW MOVEMENT IS BEGUN

Charity Organization Society Arranges for Meals and Visits for Needy.

THE TELEPHONE IS 889

Just Call Office, and You Will Be Assigned a Family to Help.

The Charity Organization Society has arranged for everyone to have an opportunity to be a Good Fellow by asking him to take a Christmas dinner to some needy family. This Good Fellow movement, which the society is emphasizing as a phase of its work for the relief of the poor, is concerned with seeing that the poor of Columbia receive more than mere money and supplies. This additional offering takes the form of a personal visit to the homes of the poor and a word of comfort and cheer to the needy.

According to Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College of Missouri, the poor families appreciate and need a visit from their more fortunate neighbors as much as supplies of food and clothing, and he believes the personal call would reveal the true conditions of the destitute homes and result in larger donations. Large donations of money and groceries have been promised by the business men of Columbia, but the aim of the Charity Organization Society is higher than this. It hopes to add to the actual necessities a personal touch which will benefit both giver and receiver.

A feature of the Christmas dinners to be given to the poor this year is that each will be complete in itself, differing from the former plan by which supplies were sent to charity headquarters and distributed from there.

If you want to be a Good Fellow, call the Charity Organization Society telephone 889, and you will be assigned a family to help. But be sure to take your gifts in person, is the advice for therein lies the true spirit of the Yuletide.

MARINE CORPS OPEN TO "GRADS"

Military Science Students Will be Excluded From Examinations.

A letter, received at the offices of President A. Ross Hill from the Commandant of the United States Marine Corps at Washington, states that all graduates of the University between the ages of 21 and 25 years, who have passed a "satisfactory course in Military Science," will be excused from scholastic examination for the position of 2nd lieutenant in the marine corps. The mental examination required is a stiff one and heretofore has been the bugaboo of all aspirants to this division of service.

University graduates who have completed with these conditions will be admitted to vacancies in the marine corps upon physical examination only. The first examination will be held at Washington, January 15th. All applications should be sent to the commandant of the University cadet corps. Corps at once.

"The marine corps offers an exceptional opportunity for the college man," said Capt. J. C. King, commandant of the University cadet corps. "It is one of the best branches of the service and is assigned to duty at the United States embassies in foreign countries as well as aboard ship. The naval preparedness appropriations have opened an exclusive branch of service hitherto extremely difficult to break into."

TO RUN STUDENTS' SPECIALS

Wabash Will Have Two Extra Trains For Holiday Accommodation.

Special trains for students leaving Columbia for the Christmas holidays will be run by the Wabash on Thursday, December 21. Students who go to Kansas City may take a special train leaving Columbia at 4:15 p. m., arriving at Kansas City 9:20 p. m., making no intermediate stops.

For St. Louis and Kansas City students who get out of school at 11 o'clock Thursday morning, the Wabash will run a special train at 11:30 to connect with trains arriving at St. Louis at 3:50 p. m., or with trains reaching Kansas City at 5:30 p. m.

Special return trains will be run from Kansas City by the Wabash. The regular trains will also run as usual.